

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A core for use in casting a gas turbine bucket, the core comprising a solid, curved upper body portion and a pair of co-planar legs extending downwardly from said solid, curved upper body portion, said pair of legs separated by an elongated slot, and a pair of pegs projecting axially from opposite sides of ~~the~~ said solid, curved upper body portion, above said elongated slot but spaced from an upper edge of said solid, curved upper body portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The core of claim 1 wherein said solid, curved upper body portion ~~is curved, forming~~ has opposite concave and convex surfaces, ~~and said legs are substantially planar, and wherein~~ said pegs extending from the convex surface of said solid, curved upper body portion.

3. (Original) The core of claim 1 wherein said pegs are elliptical in cross section.

4. (Original) The core of claim 2 wherein said pegs are elliptical in cross section.

5. (Currently Amended) The core of claim 1 wherein said solid, curved upper body portion has an upper edge, and further wherein, in a radial direction, said pegs are closer to said elongated slot than to said upper edge.

6. (Original) The core of claim 1 wherein said pegs are laterally aligned.

7. (Currently Amended) A core for use in casting a gas turbine bucket, the core comprising a solid, curved upper body portion and a pair of co-planar legs extending downwardly from said solid, curved upper body portion, said pair of legs separated by an elongated slot, and a pair of pegs projecting axially from opposite sides of ~~the~~ said solid, curved upper body portion, above said elongated slot but spaced from an upper edge of said solid, curved upper body portion; and wherein said pegs are elliptical in cross section.

8. (Currently Amended) The core of claim 7 wherein said solid upper body portion ~~is curved, forming~~ has opposite concave and convex surfaces, ~~and said legs are substantially planar,~~ said pegs extending from the convex surface of said solid, curved upper body portion.

9. (Currently Amended) The core of claim ~~6~~ 7 wherein said pegs are substantially laterally aligned.

10-15. (Cancelled).